

Report of the Thirteenth Session of the Indiana Ministerial Association

The association met at Milford, Tuesday June 26, at 2 P. M., but as the president and vice president were absent and not many members present there was no session until next day. The evening trains however, brought in more ministers and eight o'clock found the brethren gathered in the comfortable church of Milford eager to hear the sermon to be delivered by brother W. C. Perry of North Manchester.

Wednesday at 8:30 A. M., the meeting was called to order and in the absence of the president and vice president brother W. C. Perry was called to the chair. Brother L. O. Hubbard, the secretary being absent because of sickness, brother A. S. Menaugh was chosen secretary pro tem.

Christian Unity, brother G. W. Rensch.

The Pastor as a Leader, brother A. S. Menaugh. Church Discipline, brother B. H. Flora.

The Kingdom of God, brother C. F. Yoder.

How to Hold a Pastorate, brother W. W. Summers, were subjects discussed in the forenoon.

Each brother brought out many good points on his respective subject.

WEDNESDAY 1:30 P. M.

The institute being called to order, and after devotional exercises by brother C. Orville Witter of Ashland College, and some preliminary work Brother Witter read an excellent paper on Science and the Bible. Brother C. F. Yoder followed with his second talk on The Kingdom of God. A lively discussion followed each paper, developing many good points.

After the chair appointed three committees, one on location, one on nomination and one on resolutions, the institute adjourned to meet at 8 P. M., when brother C. F. Yoder preached an uplifting sermon which was very much appreciated.

THURSDAY 8:30 A. M.

Meeting called to order. Devotional services by brother W. H. Miller, and the reading and adoption of minutes in usual manner.

President called for reports of committees. The committee on location reported Claypool for the place of next meeting. Committee on nominations made the following report:

President, G. W. Rensch; vice president, C. F. Yoder; secretary, D. F. Eikenberry; treas., B. H. Flora.

After the transaction of a little business and some short talks by the brethren on the general good of the church, Brother Perry gave a Bible reading on the Holy Spirit followed by Scriptural Conversion by Brother Rensch. Each receiving its share of the discussion. Brother Flora also gave Bible reading on missionary methods of the early church.

Adjournment.

THURSDAY 1:30 P. M.

This was the shortest session of the meeting. Some of the brethren had gone home. The committee on resolutions reported. Brother Yoder gave his third talk on The Kingdom of God. Reading of program for next year and short talks by the brethren were the main events of the closing session.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS

- 1 That we express our appreciation of the gracious entertainment provided by the pastor and church at Milford.
- 2 That experience makes clear the value of these association meetings. We urge all our ministers to take advantage of them, and commend the organization to the brethren of other districts.
- 3 That we urge our pastors to call the attention of the mission board to promising mission points near them and to co-operate in developing them.
- 4 That we urge all the pastors of the state to aid the State Evangelist in securing a roll of isolated members.
- 5 We commend the plan of the Y. P. C. T. U to the attention of pastors and Christian voters.
- 6 That the Ministerial Association of the Brethren church of Indiana deplores the ravage of the

army canteen. We regard its existence as a gross violation of the wishes of the American people and hope they may not longer delay its abolition.

C. F. YODER,
W. W. SUMMERS,
B. H. FLORA.

D. F. EIKENBERRY, Sec.

Committee.

NOTES

Some of the oldest members expressed themselves as being well pleased and that in many respects this was the best meeting for a long time.

Each one presenting a subject did not fail to bring out good points and be obliged to answer not a few questions. Questions were not asked to "trap" or "catch," but for information.

Brother Rensch and his noble soldiers know how to entertain the ministers of the state, or any other state as for that matter.

Brother Yoder presented the subject, The Kingdom of God, in not only a pleasing way but in a very instructive way. He also filled the office of critic in a very satisfactory manner.

We were sorry that Brother Miller could not be with us more.

Brother Perry makes an excellent chairman. His usual kindness seasoned with firmness was noticeable.

An urging request is made to each minister of Ind to be present at Claypool next year. The invitation is not confined to Ind. but other districts as well. A very good program has been arranged having on such men as Yoder, Perry, Rensch and others.

D. F. E.

Educational

That's the Way

Just a little every day,
That's the way!
Seeds in darkness swell and grow,
Tiny blades push thru the snow;
Never any flower of May
Leaps to blossom in a burst;
Slowly—slowly at the first,
That's the way!
Just a little every day.
Just a little every day,
That's the way;
Bit by bit, and mite by mite,
Never any one, I say,
Leaps to knowledge and its power;
Slowly—slowly—hour by hour,
That's the way!
Just a little every day.

—Ella Wheeler Wilcox.

Vital Religion Among Students

REV. HENRY VAN DYKE, D. D.

The last half of the Nineteenth Century has been a period of notable advance in the religious life of the American colleges. Some of the marks of this advance are found in the form of statistics. Others belong to the class of vital phenomena which can not be exactly tabulated. But they are none the less facts, tho not expressed in figures. Both of these classes of evidence are valid. The former, of course, is easier to collect, simpler to verify, and more striking in presentation; but the latter, it seems to me, is more significant and direct, and lies much closer to the root of the matter.

In the first class among the external marks of religious progress in college life, I would place: (1) the remarkable increase in the proportionate number of students who are members of Christian churches; (2) the extraordinary growth in numbers and in size, of religious societies and organizations, within the colleges and universities; and, (3) the amount of new work undertaken and carried on, with considerable success by these societies. Any one who is interested in the subject can readily obtain proof of these outward signs of advance in religious organization by studying the various catalogues and pamphlets relating to American college life.

For the present I would sum up this brief estimate of the actual state of vital religion among students by saying that it seems to be sound and vigorous, something it may have lost in meditative insight, in spiritual fervor; but it has gained much in steadiness of purpose, in breadth of brotherhood, in manly simplicity, and in every-day working power. Infidelity is discredited. The fascination of doubt has waned. Science, having won the fight for liberty, no longer appears hostile to faith. Within the last generation the thinking youth of America have experienced a great revival, at least of the will to believe. Christianity reasserts its eternal fitness to the vital needs of man. Never have the students in our colleges shown so deep a sense, or so frank a recognition, of religion as an essential element of normal and noble manhood.—*New York Observer*.

Matrimonial

MILLER—SHOEMATE.—At Brethren parsonage, Meyersdale, Pa., Sunday morning July 15, 1900, by the undersigned, brother Irvin Miller and sister Amanda Shoemate, both of Summit Mills, Pa.

JOHN H. KNEPPER.

Meyersdale, Pa.

PICKERELL—STAUFFER.—At the home of the bride one mile south of Dunlaps on Wednesday eve, July 18, 1900, Miss Cora Pickrell and Mr. Peter Stauffer were united in marriage in the presence of forty guests. These young people start out on life's voyage with bright prospects. My prayer is that God may richly bless them. A. R. BEMENDERFER.

Our Dead

YOUTZ.—Malinda Elizabeth Youtz was born September 25, 1831 in Washington county, Md., and died at her home in Lanark, June 30, 1900, aged 68 years, 9 months and 5 days. She was married to Henry B. Puterbaugh in the year 1850, and embraced Christianity in 1889. She lived a consistent Christian life. Her Savior grew in sweetness as the end drew near, and resting on his bosom she fell asleep. The funeral was conducted from the home on Monday July 2 by Z. T. Livengood assisted by W. D. Furry. The remains were deposited in the family lot in Lanark's beautiful cemetery.

Z. T. LIVENGOOD.

HUBER.—Hannah Huber was born in Germany, November 20, 1819 died July 18, aged 80 years, 7 months and 28 days. Sister Huber was married twice and was the mother of five children, one son and one daughter are yet living. The son is J. L. Huber of this place, Burne, Ind., who is a German Baptist minister, and a very fine man, too. Sister Huber being a widow, made her home for years with her son, J. L. "Grandmother Huber," (for she was so called out of respect by everybody who knew her), was for years a member of the G. B. church, but nearly ten years ago she united with the Brethren church and lived an upright and faithful Christian life, always at her post and having no evil to say of any body. She was ill but a few days prior to death, the next day after she took sick she told her physician she was going to heaven. Funeral services by the writer at the Bethel church from the text, "Wherefore comfort one another with these words." I Thes. 4:18

J. H. SWIHART.

The kingdom of God, such a kingdom as this is worth studying, worth entering, worth extending. It is the kingdom which shall rule all other Caesardoms, its Lord is the King of kings. It is the interest of each soul that every other soul should be in this realm of righteousness. No other rule so deserves being embraced and extended; no prayer is at once so reasonable and so urgent as the fervent petition, "Thy kingdom come."